

**Town of Esperance Comprehensive Plan Committee**  
**February 11, 2009**

Dear Town of Esperance Board Members:

Attached please find a proposed Comprehensive Plan that the Comprehensive Plan Committee recommends for adoption. The Committee worked for approximately two years looking at issues and establishing goals that we can work toward to make the Town of Esperance a better place to live.

Our plan relies on the input from Town residents and landowners through a survey completed in 2007 as well as comments from the public. We had an excellent return rate for the survey and the results are attached to the plan. As required by Town Law, we held a public hearing on September 16, 2008 that was not well attended.

In accordance with Town Law §272-a, the Town Board must also hold a public hearing within 90 days of receiving the plan and prior to adoption. The public hearing must be advertised at least 10 days prior to the hearing and a copy of the plan must be made available for public review with the Town Clerk and anywhere else the Board deems necessary.

To adopt the plan after the public hearing, the Town Board must accomplish the following:

- 1.) Determine environmental significance in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Full Environmental Assessment Form is provided and Part I completed for your review/use.
- 2.) Receive a recommendation from the Schoharie County Planning Commission before taking final action. We have not referred the plan to the Commission in case the Town Board has changes or does not desire to move forward with adoption.
- 3.) File the adopted plan with the Town Clerk and Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency.

We hope the Town Board and Town residents and landowners are satisfied with the plan we have prepared. Please review the plan and know we are available to present its contents and address questions at a future meeting.

Thank you,

Town of Esperance Comprehensive Plan Committee

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